

## GENERAL NOTES.

**Brown Pelican Regular off North Carolina.**—The Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) has heretofore been considered casual as far north as North Carolina.

Mr. Russell J. Coles, a leading American field ichthyologist, to whom we are indebted for our knowledge of the occurrence of several southern fishes at Cape Lookout, tells me that he regularly sees one or more small flocks of this bird at that Cape about the first of August. As there is little chance of error in the identification of so striking a species, I accept the record without question.

I quote from a letter from Mr. Coles, in which he says of the Brown Pelican:

“During no summer have I observed more than a dozen until on Aug. 6, 1913, I saw 5 flocks of them, the largest containing 13 and the smallest 3, making a total of 41. No flock was in sight of another flock, yet they all followed in approximately the same track, first appearing coming in from the Northeast, . . . they would light on the water near the point of Cape Lookout and after a short rest continue their flight without stopping to fish. None of the flocks followed the shoreline to the southwest, but all flew directly south.”—JOHN TREADWELL NICHOLS, *American Museum of Natural History, New York City.*

**Recovery of a Banded Pintail Duck.**—Mr. Jefferson C. Wenck of New Orleans informs me that one of the guides at the Delta Duck Club killed a female Pintail at Cubit's Gap, near the mouth of the Mississippi River, in December 1912, that had a band on the right leg, marked 186A. It will be of interest to know where this bird was tagged.—A. K. FISHER, *U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.*

**American Egret (*Herodias egretta*) at Martha's Vineyard, Mass.**—On July 22, 1913, I was attracted by the sight of an American Egret in the Black-Crowned Night Heronry at Squibnocket Pond, Martha's Vineyard. This wanderer from the south seemed to live in perfect harmony with his cousins. The bird remained in the colony during my entire week's stay. At times he would circle with the immature herons a few rods above my head; again he would sail leisurely out to the edge of the pond and stand motionless as if awaiting an opportunity to seize some finny loiterer. But not once did I notice any quarrelling or wrangling between the egret and his less ornate relatives.—G. KINGSLEY NOBLE, *Cambridge, Mass.*

**The Willet in Central New York.**—On August 20, 1913, I observed two large shore birds on the beach at the east end of Oneida Lake in the town of Verona, N. Y. From a distance I took them to be Greater Yellow-